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SUBJ: LECTURER'S COMMENT ON U.S. ROLE IN

CHILEAN COUP

REF: MOSCOW 11939

1. AT PUBLIC LECTURE SEPTEMBER 28 (REFTEL),  
NOVOSTI POLITICAL OBSERVER K.M. SMIRNOV WAS ASKED  
WHY SOVIET PRESS HAD BEEN SO SILENT ON U.S. ROLE  
IN CHILEAN COUP. HE REPLIED THAT PRESS WAS SILENT  
ON ROLE OF NIXON, WHITE HOUSE, AND USG, BUT NOT RPT  
NOT ON ROLE OF MONOPOLIES, ITT, MINING COMPANIES, ETVLM  
SMIRNOV SAID SOVIETS LACK SPECIFIC, CONCRETE FACTS  
RE USG INVOLVEMENT AND, BESIDES, THIS IS DELICATE  
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MATTER, "AS YOU CAN UNDERSTAND." ASKED WHAT AMERICANS

WERE IN CHILE AT TIME OF COUP, LECTURER RESPONDED FACTUALLY THAT SOME WERE THERE ASSISTING CHILEANS ON NAVAL, FISHERIES, AND OTHER PROJECTS. IN COURSE OF LECTURE SMIRNOV HAD REFERRED TO "LESSON" OF EVENTS IN CHILE, BUT WHEN PRESSKJ IN QUESTIONS AFTERWARD TO TELL WHAT PRECISELY LESSON WAS, HE WOULD SAY ONLY THAT CHILE WAS SERIOUS METTER TO WHICH ONE HAD TO GIVE THOUGHT, AND THAT HE WAS NOT WILLING TO GO INTO FURTHER DETAIL.

2. COMMENT: SMIRNOV'S COMMENTS ON CHILE REFELCTED SERIOUS SOVIET CONCERN WITH EVENTS, APPARENT DESIRE NOT TO BLAME THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, AND GINGERLY AVOIDANCE OF SPECIFICS IN MATTER WHICH IS HIGHLY EMBARRASSING TO THOSE SOVIETS WHO TOUT THE ADVANTAGES OF OTHER COUNTURES' FOLLOWING PEACEFUL AND DEMONCRATIC PATH TO SOCIALISM. BULK OF AUDIENCE QUESTIONS CONCERNED CHILE AND SEEMED TO BE BASED ON ATTITUDE "HOW COULD WE HAVE LET THIS HAPPEN?"

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